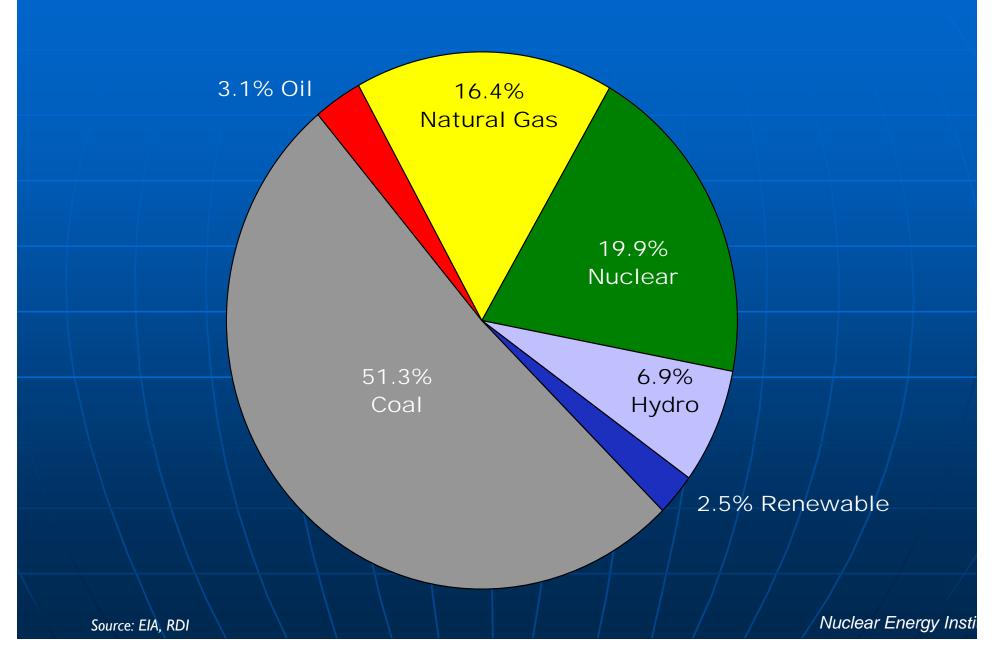


Wind 101

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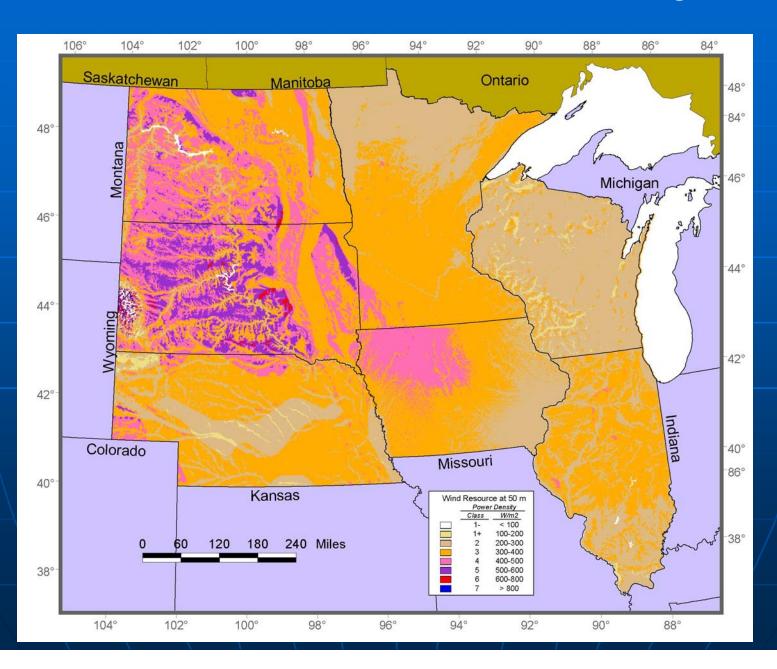
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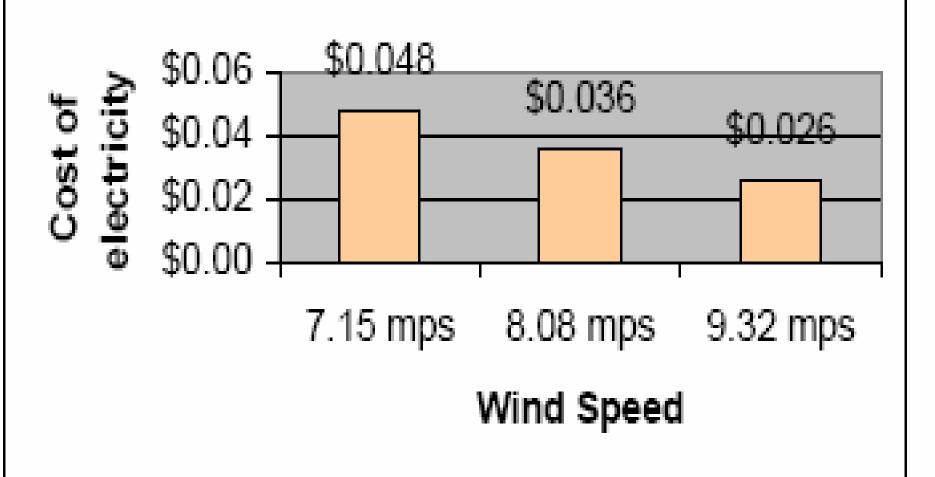
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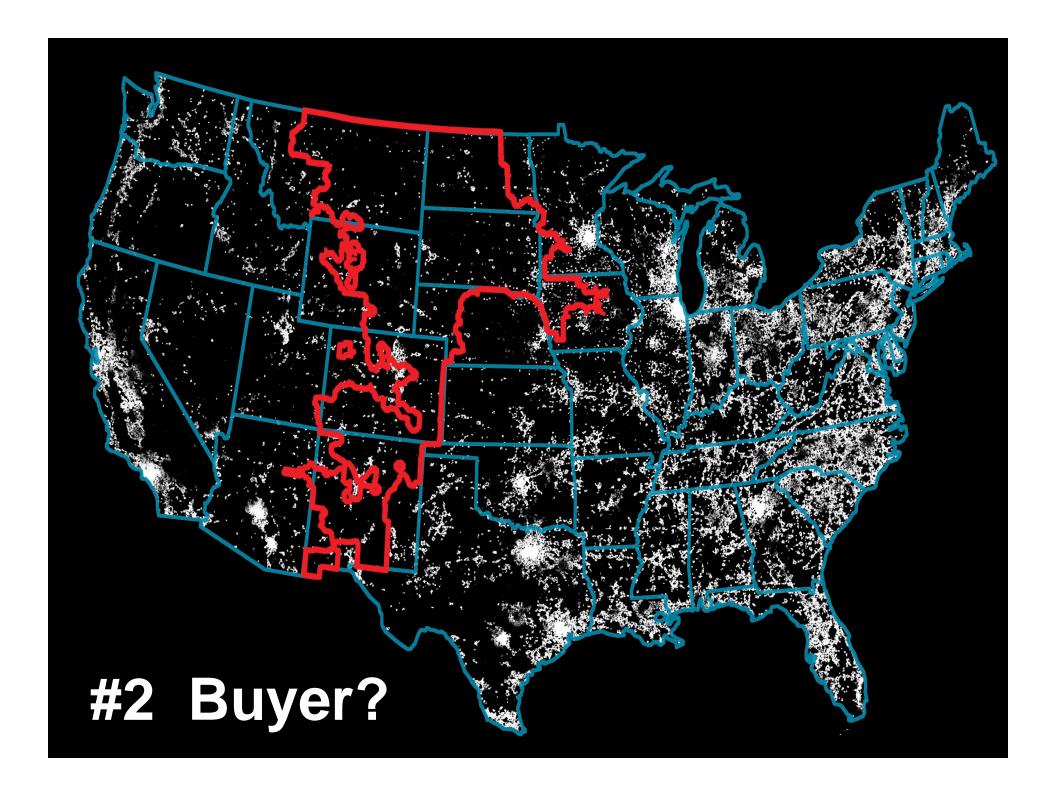
- 1. Wind
- 2. Buyer
- 3. Transmission

#1 Wind?









ANNUAL TAX BILL (before 2003 SD Legislature) for 900-kilowatt wind turbine in area states

(Taxes include real and personal property taxes whether locally or centrally assessed)

North Dakota

\$2,810

Based on property taxed at rate of 30 percent for first five years of commercial operation. After that, the annual tax liability would be \$9,366.

South Dakota

\$21,478

Based on central assessment rate for operative property of electric utility.

Minnesota

\$293

Property tax: \$0

Production tax: \$293

Assumes tax rate of 0.012 cents per kilowatt-hour for units under

2 megawatts.

Minnesota Wind Incentives:

Minnesota also provides developers of projects under 2 megawatts with a state Renewable Energy Production Incentive (REPI) of 1.5 cents per kilowatt-hour for 10 years. It amounts to about \$36,675 per year based on an annual production of about 2.4 million kilowatt-hours per turbine.

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\$5,271

Property tax: \$26

Electric Delivery tax: \$3,778

Generation tax: \$1,467

Source: Louri River Energy Services

Internationalysis, January 2003

Price of Wind is Dropping...

- Technology Improvements
- Economies of Scale
- Federal Production Tax Credit:

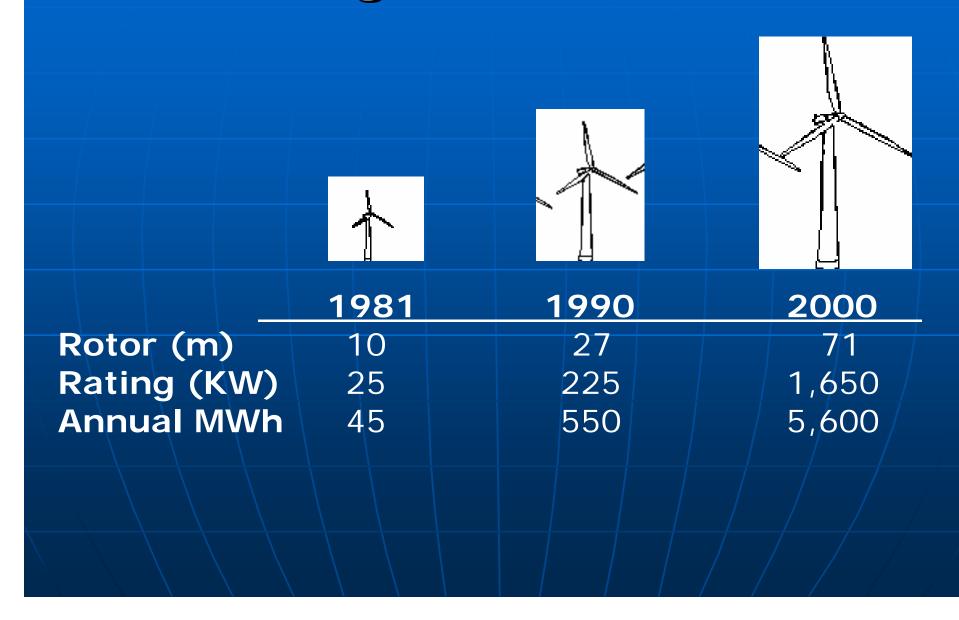
Example: 4.5 cents/kw

1.8 cents/kw PTC

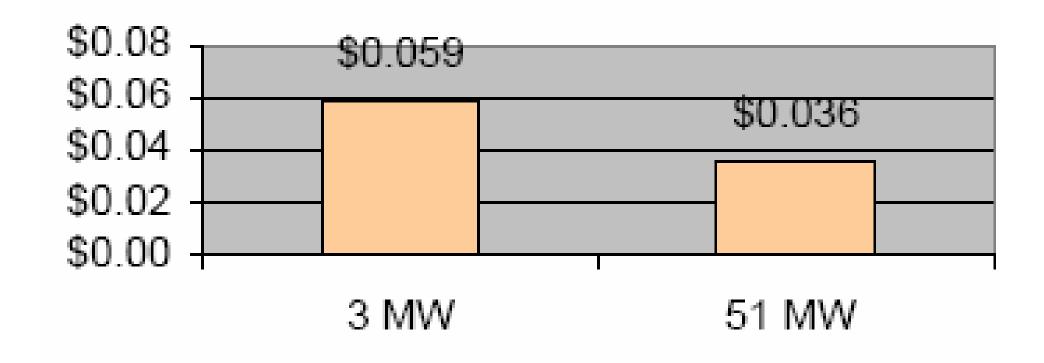
2.7 cents/kw with PTC

PTC = 40 % Reduction

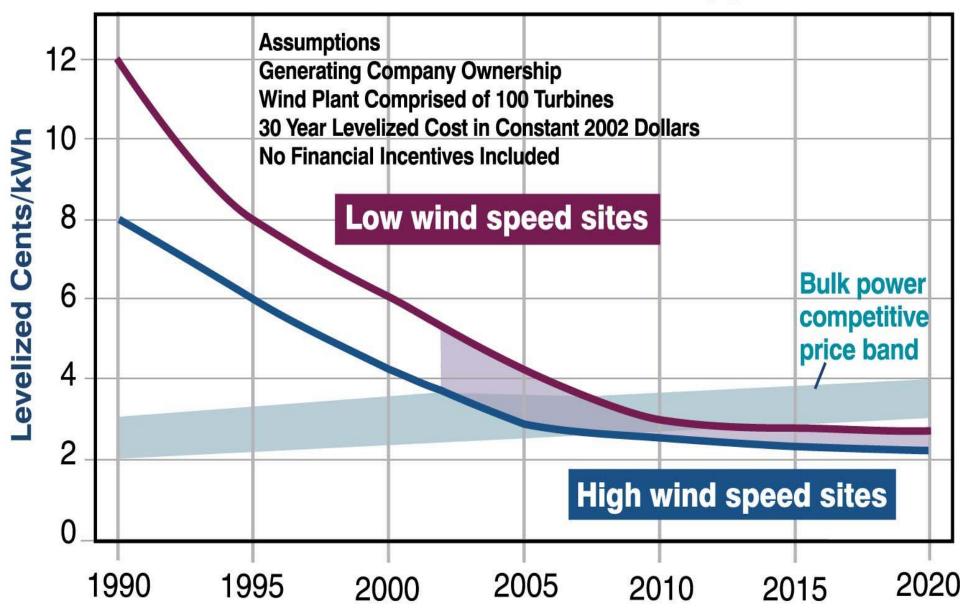
Technological Advancements



Cost of Energy -- Large Windfarm v. Small

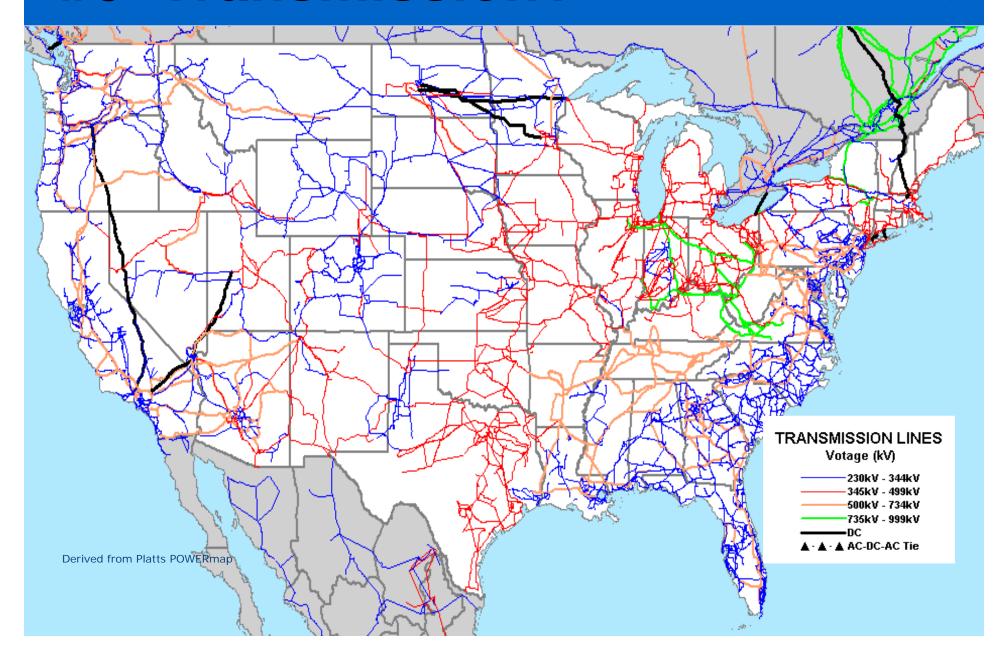


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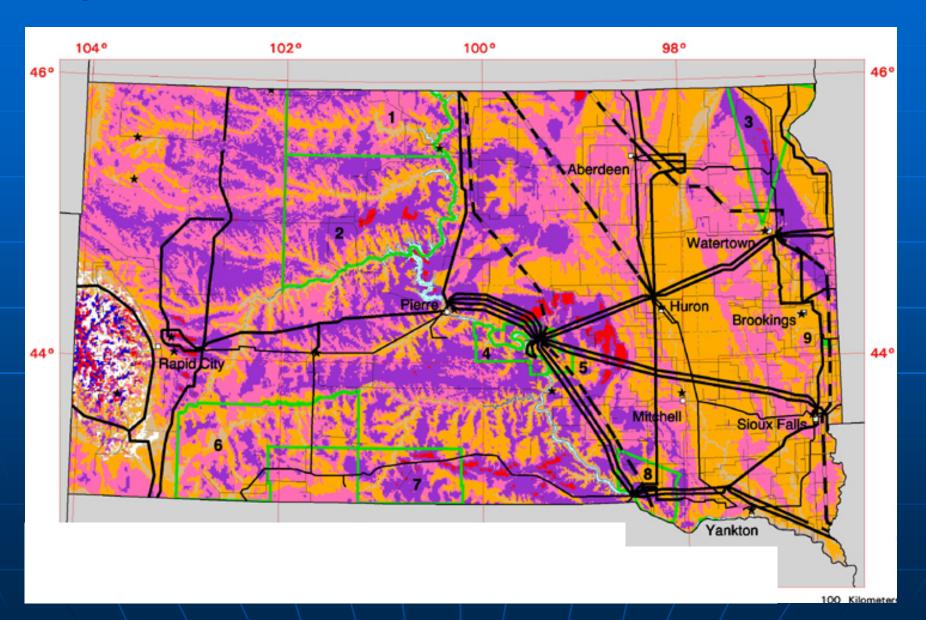


Source: DOE/NREL, 2003

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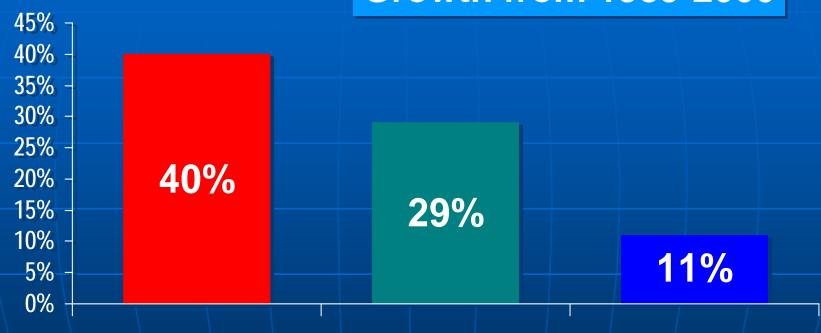


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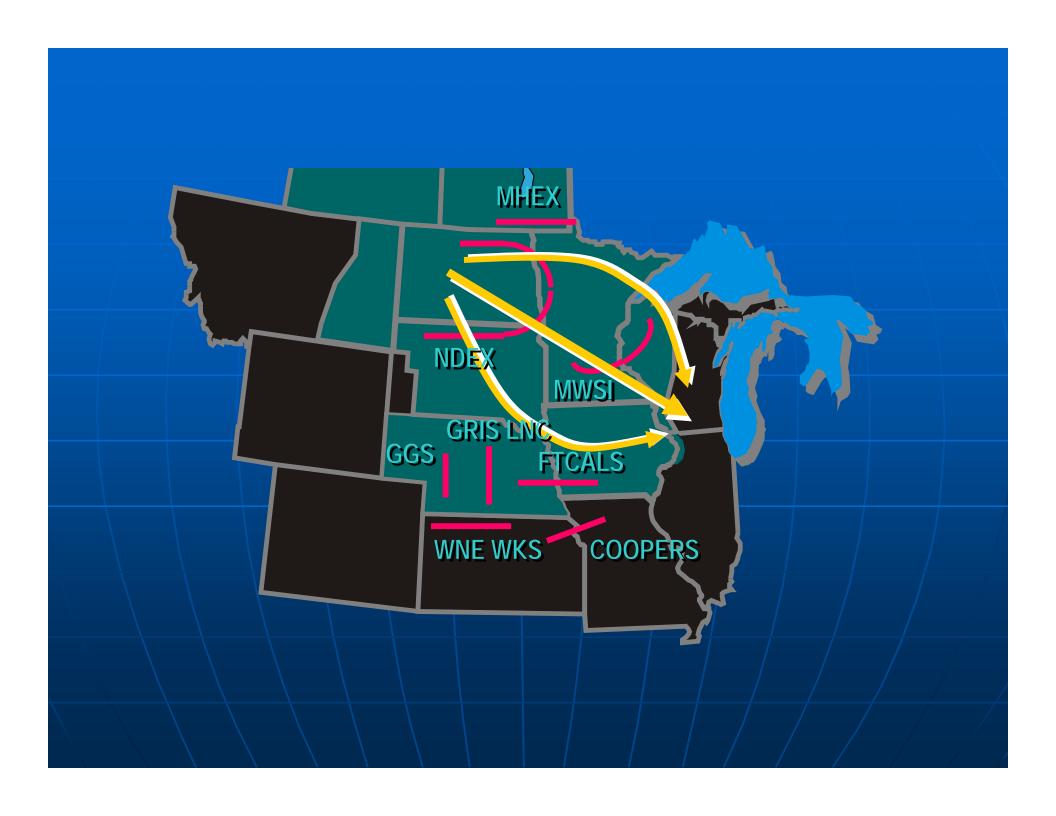
Transmission is not being built...



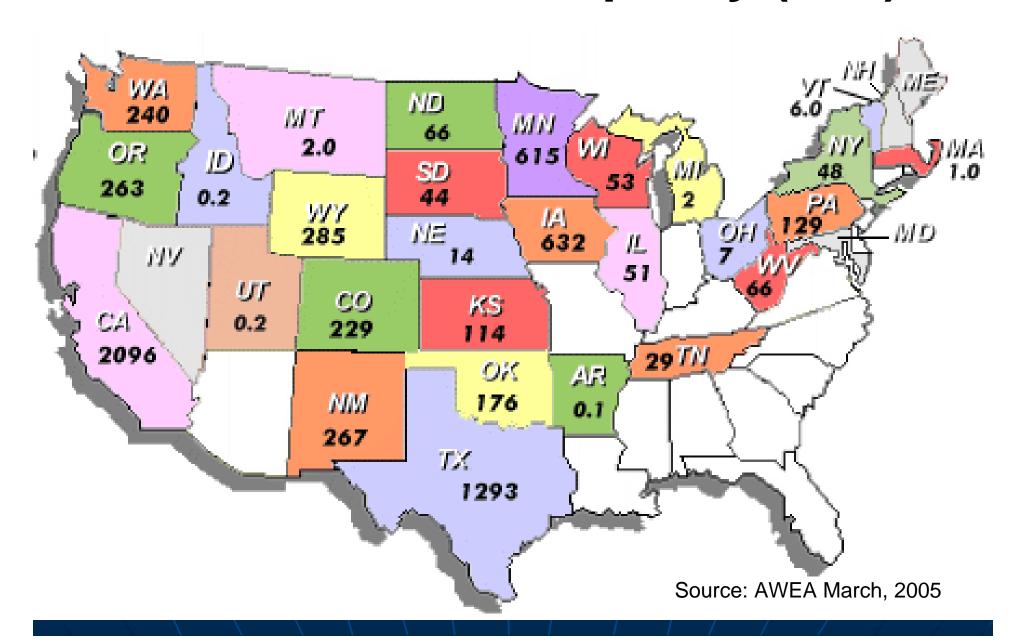


US Economy Electric Demand Transmission Mileage

Source: FERC



US Wind Power Capacity (MW)



Hyde County Wind Farm

SD's First Major Wind Farm

- 27 Turbines producing 40 MW
- Constructed by FPL Energy
- Electricity Sold, via Basin Electric, to SD Electric Coops

Benefits

- \$42 Million Investment
- Landowner Payments
- \$250,000 in New Property Taxes

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